WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

CLAIMS

1	1.	A system comprising:
2		a first client device;
3		a second client device;
4		a messaging server connected to the first and second client devices via a
5		communications network, the messaging server receiving an electronic
6		document intended for the second client device from the first client
7		device, verifying that the electronic document complies with a
8		business document model, and forwarding the electronic document to
9		the second client device when the compliance with the business
0		document model is verified.
1	2.	The system of claim 1 wherein the business document model is a hierarchical
2	structure defin	nition.
1	3.	The system of claim 2 wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an
2	eXtensible Ma	arkup Language Document Type Definition comprising Document Type
3	Definition ele	ments.
1	4.	An apparatus comprising:
2		an object modeler;
3		a model extractor, coupled to the object modeler, that extracts a document
4		model from the object modeler into an object database as a hierarchy
5		table:

6		a report generator, that generates a hierarchical structure definition from the	
7		hierarchy table in the object database.	
1	5.	The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising:	
2		a document analyzer allows the creation of a hierarchical document based on	
3		the hierarchical structure definition.	
1	6.	The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising:	
2		a validator that validates the compliance of the hierarchical document with the	
3		hierarchical structure definition.	
1	7.	A method comprising:	
2		modeling business documents in a modeling language as a business document	
3		model;	
4		generating a hierarchical structure definition from the business document	
5		model.	
1	8.	The method of claim 7, wherein the modeling language is Uniform Modeling	
2	Language.		
1	9.	The method of claim 8, wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an	
2	eXtensible Ma	arkup Language Document Type Definition comprising Document Type	
3	3 Definition elements.		
1	10.	The method of claim 8, wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an	
2	2 eXtensible Markup Language schema.		
1	11.	A method comprising:	
2		generating a hierarchical document from a hierarchical structure definition;	
3		sending the hierarchical document to a client device or messaging server.	
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1	12. The method of claim 11, wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an
2	eXtensible Markup Language Document Type Definition comprising Document Type
3	Definition elements.
1	13. The method of claim 11, wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an
2	eXtensible Markup Language schema.
1	14. A method comprising:
2	receiving a hierarchical document from a first client device destined for a
3	second client device;
4	comparing the hierarchical document with a hierarchical structure definition;
5	validating the hierarchical document if the hierarchical document matches th
6	hierarchical structure definition;
7	forwarding the hierarchical document to the second client device if the
8	hierarchical document is validated.
1	15. The method of claim 14, wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an
2	eXtensible Markup Language Document Type Definition comprising Document Type
3	Definition elements.
1	16. The method of claim 14, wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an
2	eXtensible Markup Language schema.
1	17. A method comprising:
2	catagorizing business objects in a business model;
3	representing variations of common business objects in the business model;
4	defining data classes and attributes of business objects with in the business
5	model;

6	extracting the business model into an object database;	
7	generating a hierarchical structure definition.	
1	18. The method of claim 17, wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an	
2	eXtensible Markup Language Document Type Definition comprising Document Type	
3	Definition elements.	
1	19. The method of claim 17, wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an	
2	eXtensible Markup Language schema.	
1	20. The method of claim 18 further comprising:	
2	coupling configuration attributes with the Document Type Definition	
3	Elements as Document Type Definition attributes.	
1	21. The method of claim 20 further comprising:	
2	displaying the hierarchical structure definition based on the coupled	
3	configuration attributes.	
1	22. A computer readable medium, encoded with data and instructions, that when	
2	executed by a computer is caused to perform processes comprising:	
3	modeling business documents in a modeling language as a business document	ıt
4	model;	
5	generating a hierarchical structure definition from the business document	
6	model.	
1	23. The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the modeling language	
2	is Uniform Modeling Language.	

1	24.	The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the hierarchical structure
2	definition is a	an eXtensible Markup Language Document Type Definition comprising
3	Document Ty	pe Definition elements.
1	25.	The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the hierarchical structure
2	definition is	an eXtensible Markup Language schema.
1	26.	A computer readable medium, encoded with data and instructions, that when
2	executed by	a computer is caused to perform processes comprising:
3		generating a hierarchical document from a hierarchical structure definition;
4		sending the hierarchical document to a client device or messaging server.
1	27.	The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein the hierarchical structure
2	definition is	an eXtensible Markup Language Document Type Definition comprising
3	Document T	ype Definition elements.
1	28.	The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein the hierarchical structure
2	definition is	an eXtensible Markup Language schema.
1	29.	A computer readable medium, encoded with data and instructions, that when
2	executed by	a computer is caused to perform processes comprising:
3		receiving a hierarchical document from a first client device destined for a
4		second client device;
5		comparing the hierarchical document with a hierarchical structure definition;
6		validating the hierarchical document if the hierarchical document matches the
7		hierarchical structure definition;
8		forwarding the hierarchical document to the second client device if the
9		hierarchical document is validated.

1	30.	The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the hierarchical structure
2	definition is a	n eXtensible Markup Language Document Type Definition comprising
3	Document Ty	rpe Definition elements.
1	31.	The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein the hierarchical structure
2	definition is a	n eXtensible Markup Language schema.
1	32.	A computer readable medium, encoded with data and instructions, that when
2	executed by a	computer is caused to perform processes comprising:
3		catagorizing business objects in a business model;
4		representing variations of common business objects in the business model;
5		defining data classes and attributes of business objects with in the business
6		model;
7		extracting the business model into an object database;
8		generating a hierarchical structure definition.
1	33.	The computer readable medium of claim 32, wherein the hierarchical structure
2	definition is	an eXtensible Markup Language Document Type Definition comprising
3	Document Ty	ype Definition elements.
1	34.	The computer readable medium of claim 32, wherein the hierarchical structure
2	definition is	an eXtensible Markup Language schema.
1	35.	The computer readable medium of claim 33 further comprising:
2		coupling configuration attributes with the Document Type Definition

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Elements as Document Type Definition attributes.

The computer readable medium of claim 35 further comprising:

2		displaying the hierarchical structure definition based on the coupled
3		configuration attributes.
1	37.	A method comprising:
2		receiving a hierarchical structure definition comprising objects represented by
3		hierarchical structure definition elements with configuration attributes
4		and semantics corresponding to the hierarchical structure definition
5		elements, the hierarchical structure definition elements having a
6		hierarchical structure;
7		displaying the hierarchical structure of the hierarchical structure elements;
8		displaying the objects depicted as configured by the configuration attributes;
9		and
10		displaying the semantics.
, 1	38.	The method of claim 37, further comprising:
2		allowing the addition or editing of mapping information corresponding to the
3		objects.
1	39.	The method of claim 38, wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an
2	eXtensible M	Tarkup Language Document Type Definition and the hierarchical structure
3	definition ele	ements are Document Type Definition elements.
1	40.	The method of claim 38, wherein the hierarchical structure definition is an
2	eXtensible M	Tarkup Language schema and the hierarchical structure definition elements are
3	eXtensible M	Iarkup Language elements.
· 1	41.	A computer readable medium, encoded with data and instructions, that when
2	executed by	a computer is caused to perform processes comprising:
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3		receiving a hierarchical structure definition comprising objects represented by
4		hierarchical structure definition elements with configuration attributes
5		and semantics corresponding to the hierarchical structure definition
6		elements, the hierarchical structure definition elements having a
7		hierarchical structure;
8		displaying the hierarchical structure of the hierarchical structure elements;
9		displaying the objects depicted as configured by the configuration attributes;
10		and
11		displaying the semantics.
1	42.	The computer readable medium of claim 41, further comprising:
2		allowing the addition or editing of mapping information corresponding to the
3		objects.
1	43.	The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein the hierarchical structure
2	definition is a	nn eXtensible Markup Language Document Type Definition and the hierarchical

- е structure definition elements are Document Type Definition elements.
- The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein the hierarchical structure 44. definition is an eXtensible Markup Language schema and the hierarchical structure definition elements are eXtensible Markup Language elements.